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SHADOW SONGS

LAMENTATION

Chrysanthemums and late roses
And the plane-leaf's fall—
All that is left us now.
Hoarsely the flower-girls cry,
Pale shake the street-lamp lights;
Chilled gusts come puffing by,
Sigh the poor year away.
All that is left us now
Regrets without perfume; dead thoughts;
Chrysanthemums, and late roses.

VIRGIN MOON

Having chattered out
The overbrimming of their light hearts,
When the old moon had traveled over the housetops
Far enough, to dangle dancing shadows of leaves
Across their bed,
Veils of silence also were let down,
And they slept, virgin beside virgin.
The whisper of leaves outside the window
Filled the room
Long after the moon had trailed
Her net of shadow-boughs across their dreams
And was gone.